

Government attitude

"Do the research." How much research do we need to determine we still have a problem? How much research do we need to take this serious situation seriously?

Much has been done to mitigate and minimize human exposure to the hazardous-to-human-health heavy-metals contaminants present in our mining community. But we most definitely are starting to have a preponderance of evidence that indicates we still have a hazardous-to-human-health heavy-metals health problem. Maybe the low-grade heavy-metals contamination is not killing enough people, fast

enough to be classified as an EPA or DEQ qualifying health emergency. But we already have four independent studies, and another coming down the pike, that indicate that there is still a serious hazardous-to-human-health heavy-metals health risk situation in the Butte-Silver Bow community. What we need is a local government policy, (attitude) that will address this issue in a holistic serious manner, a policy that encourages a willingness to seek and implement a holistic solution that will finally resolve the situation to the point that we can say with confidence to our neighbors, and to the rest of the world, that Butte is a safe and healthy place in which to live and work.

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